

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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LINKING OF CAPITALS OF NORTH EASTERN STATES BY AIR SERVICES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government contemplate to airlink the capitals of the North-Eastern States and other major stations on both sides of the river Brahmaputra;
- (b) if so, whether Government have asked both the public and private airlines to acquire suitable type of aircraft for better operational facilities;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION
(SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

- (a) Except for the capital cities of Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya and Nagaland, all other State capitals in the North East have already been airlinked.
- (b),(c) and (d): Airlines are free to decide on the type of aircraft they want to acquire and operate. The draft aviation policy, however, seeks to encourage small aircraft operation in order to facilitate the opening up of the country through air services to many more destinations, keeping in mind the national security at the same time.